Dear Chris, 6/22/76

The check from the college was not to have been split 50-50. There was an extra $100 in it toward my expenses when they did not go through with the March date. My expenses actually came to more. When the student phoned to apologize he said there would be an extra $100 at the time of the program and I accepted.

However, at the time of the program I told Robert to let me know the cost of making the pictures I need and I would send him a check. He never did. So he can use this $50 for that. If he has forgotten I can let him know.

Kabak was here. The message I got from him was about undefined, completely undescribed slides. I have no idea what Robert told him.

I am aware of the problems. However, this long delay has already cost a friend of mine more in toll calls than the pictures will cost. I am anxious to get that work started else the facilities will develop questions.

Kabak's behavior when he was here was terrible. I've written him telling him not to return again and demanding the return of what he stole. He did and after he left I got the proof. I think it is no more than a perverse kind of emotional problem, but Lil sees the possibilities of more. I caution you against the relationship I gather has developed. He has an uncontrollable greed merely to possess the work of others.

He ridiculed Robert over his relationship with Penn and Lane. What he said is, approximately, Robert is a nice guy and a schmuck.

My belief that his intention is to get whatever Robert has that he wants and that he has nothing else in mind with regard to Robert.

I trusted him, so he went through my files at will. However, last time he left them a dreadful shambles. Torn, out of place, etc. He was so careless with them, I'm now certain from a combination of reasons that include the emotional and haste to get more, that he even ruined pictures by not refiling them properly. I am without doubt that on previous trip, when he worked after I went to bed, he stole what is missing.

I am going into this to save you more of the kind of pain you have had.

This time he even prowled the cellar, unwilling or unable to take my word for what was not in dead storage. After I caught him once and complained he apparently went down again from what was moved. There is a large file I have obtained. I told him that if I were willing to let any files out again after experiences that included him, and I am not, Lil will not permit it. This is true. However, I also told him that I am having a duplicate made of this file and I'd lend him the duplicate so he could copy it. This had begun and I have him perhaps an inch and a half of them to copy and return. There is one part of which he did not know where I found something others missed. I have a deal for a story pending on it. If it goes through it will return the cost of getting the files and a little more. He was not content to await the copying of that file. When I was not looking he used my machine to copy it, using up all my paper and forcing me to make a special trip during a storm to replace it, and then defaced the file I plan to use in facsimile. This, one example only, may represent no more than a compulsion he cannot control. Whatever is behind it it is miserable personal behavior and I do warn you. I think he is using Robert only and in time it will be another pain for both of you. Do what you think but my belief is you'll be better off to have nothing to do with him. This is why I take the time. If there is no more involved than a personality problem it is in time going to mean pain for you, believe me. He simply compulsively has to possess. If there is no more involved in this theft of that particular file, remember, that within two months he would have had it anyway. I had begun the copying of the entire thing and had given him the first 10%. Yet he could not wait. And he is so contemptuous of others, regardless of what he says and how he appears, that defacing this file was not enough. He left it all out of order where it had been stapled in order. Our best to all,